

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON USE OF MOBILE PHONE IN AIRCRAFTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the radioactive waves of cellular phones disturbs the electrical and communication mechanism of an aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have issued any directions/ guidelines in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to ban the use of mobile phone in the aircraft?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) Aircraft manufacturers have recommended that any portable electronic device which transmits radio signals should be prohibited for use by passengers while on board as they may interfere with the electronic equipment of the aircraft. These devices include cellular phones.

(c), (d) & (e) According to the instructions issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) no person shall use any electronic device which intentionally transmits radio signals like mobile/cellular phones, amateur radio transceivers etc. while on board an aircraft. Such devices, if carried on board, must be kept switched off.